

Teddy Bear Clinic Turns 25!

THE Outpatient Clinic was teddy bear central on the morning of April 29 as preschoolers from the Boston Children's School brought their sick and injured stuffed pals to the hospital's 25th annual Teddy Bear Clinic.

"This is such a fun tradition and we have a truly interdisciplinary group who helps out every year representing nursing, child life, rehab and our students," says **Diane Topliffe, RN**. She thanked all staff who helped make the clinic a success, including **Mary Donovan, NP, Clinic**; **Lisa Donovan, Child Life**; **Kristen Fainga'a, teacher**; **Monique Query, rehab student**; **Liat Hoffman, rehab student**; **Sue Brogna; Ashley Drinker, rehab student**; **Judy Fabbri, RN**; and Salem State students **Phil Hayes, Sheena Colangelo, Lynn Flannery, Darrrell Bormann, and Mary Kimani**.



CHILDREN FROM *The Boston Children's School* get their stuffed animals checked out at the *Teddy Bear Clinic*.

This year's clinic was covered by WBZ radio's **Carl Stevens**, as well as *The Boston Globe* and it was the most downloaded story of the day on Boston.com.



Life-Saving CPR/Defibrillator Classes Being Scheduled Now

WHAT if someone you loved was stricken with sudden cardiac arrest, or if they were choking! Would you know what to do?

The Aleppo Shrine Medical Corps of Wilmington, in conjunction with When Seconds Count of Salem, MA, are conducting CPR classes. The classes will teach adult and child CPR, what to do if someone is choking and how to use an AED (automatic external defibrillator).

Classes will be taught at the Shrine Center, 99 Fordham Rd., Wilmington in the Wilson Room on the second floor.

There are no scheduled classes. If interested, get your name on the list, classes of eight will be scheduled.

The cost of the class is \$40.00 per person which includes instruction, certification card, and a keychain pocket shield. All instructors are volunteering their time so that \$30.00 from each student will be going to the purchase of AEDs for the Shrine Center, which is open to the public for the circus, trade shows, roller derby and many other shows and events.

These classes are open to Shriners, their families, friends, relatives and the public. Groups of eight are preferred with class size limited to 21 people per class. For more information on these classes or to sign up, please contact **Jeffrey Arnold**, High Priest and Prophet at jarnold@whensecondscount.net or at his home, 978-536-2842.



Shriners Hospitals for Children Expands the Medical Home Project to Seven Hospitals

SINCE 1996, Shriners Hospitals for Children and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) have partnered to increase access to medical homes for all children and youth, especially those with special health care needs.



What Is a Medical Home?

A medical home is not a building, house or hospital, but rather an approach to providing comprehensive primary care.

In a medical home, a primary care provider works in partnership with the family to assure medical and non-medical needs of the child are identified and addressed. The primary care provider helps the family access specialty care, educational resources and other services that are important to the overall health and well-being of the child and family.

Shriners Hospitals for Children and the AAP support the medical home as the best practice to ensure that children and youth receive the highest quality care.

In the medical home environment, Shriners Hospitals' specialty care physicians work in collaboration with primary care providers and patients' families to ensure accessible, comprehensive and coordinated care.

About the Partnership

In 2004, the partnership broadened to include direct collaboration between Shriners Hospitals and primary care providers to provide better coordination of care. A pilot project was launched at the Shriners Hospitals for Children—Chicago in 2006. This pilot program aimed to not only identify and improve communication between providers at Chicago hospital and referring primary care providers, but also to identify promising strategies that might enhance coordinated care at other Shriners Hospitals. Anticipated benefits to this project include: increased access to a medical home for children and youth with special health care needs, potential cost savings, patient and primary care provider satisfaction, and enhanced quality of patient care.



Partnership Expansion

In 2007, the project has expanded to six Shriners Hospitals using a collaborative learning approach. This phase will determine how systematic changes appropriate for each hospital can be made to enhance communication and facilitate co-management between specialty and primary care providers. The six hospitals are located in Boston, Greenville, Houston, Minneapolis, Spokane and Tampa.

Each hospital has formed an improvement team, conducted a needs assessment and developed goals and objectives for their 2007 activities. The hospitals will be involved in a learning collaborative throughout the year as they implement their initiatives at their institutions. The project will eventually be expanded to all 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children across the country.

0 Canada! St. Valentine's Fundraising Ball

By HERMES BOYATIS

JUST as our Shriners in the United States schedule fundraising dances, so does the Montreal AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association). This year at its 8th annual ball on February 10 at the Chateau Royal in Laval, they donated \$35,000 to the Shriners Hospital for Children. Over the past three years they have raised \$126,000.

These funds were part of its pledge to finance the building of a school within the upcoming construction of a new Shriners' Hospital next to the McGill University Health Center.

As a co-chair **Christina Antoniou** expressed it: "We love that year after year, we open our hearts during Valentine's Day to help our children's causes in Montreal."

Chairman of the Board of Directors for Shriners Hospital, **Gary Morrison**, expressed his gratitude: "The funds raised serve all of Canada and parts of the northeastern United States. The hospital is a top research center in the area of musculoskeletal diseases, more specifically brittle bone disease, which attracts patients from all over the world."

Especially active Aleppo Nobles in the AHEPA are **John Anesis**, Past President; **Connie Calliontzis**, Past Supreme Governor, and volunteer at Shriners' Burns Hospital; **John Kolentsas**, activist; and many more including your writer, **Hermes Boyatis**, a 58-year-member.

Wondrous healing! Helping hands, helping feet, nation to nation, Greek to Greek.

The most remarkable Shriner in all of Canada is **Dr. Francis Glorieux**, director of Research and head of the Genetics Unit in the Canadian Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal. His medical discoveries, innovations, and awards are too numerous to mention here. On August 5, 2003, he was named Officer of the Order of Canada. He is clinical scientist in the treatment of bone diseases; professor of surgery and human genetics; and professor of pediatrics at McGill University.

He has degrees, fellowships, and consultancies from Belgium to Canada to American Shriners Hospitals. You will recognize Dr. Glorieux when you see his badge: a six-pointed white snowflake, in the center a maple leaf surrounded by a red circle bearing the motto: "*Desiderantes Meliorum Patriam*" (They desire a better country). We all pay tribute to the doctor who makes our world and our children wondrously better!